

**REMARKS**

Further to the arguments presented in the previously filed response, claim 1 has been amended to recite said microprocessor limiting an allowable value range for VPI/VCI values in a header of ATM cells according to a plurality of said AAL2 routing lists, so that said first interface considers corresponding VPI/VCI coding bits. Advantageously, an AAL2 switcher can be connected to the ATM switching network without requiring a recognition of all VPI/VCI possibilities in the AAL2 switcher, saving memory space. Referring to page 8, lines 20 - page 9, line 5 of the originally filed English translation, and Fig. 1, VCI bits are shown hatched in the header of the ATM cell- the last four bits of the first line, the complete second line and the first four bits of the fourth line. These bits are suppressed; only twelve VPI or, respectively, VCI bits have to be interpreted. The microprocessor is configured to assign only those VPI/VCI combinations on the UTOPIA interface that differ only on the basis of the bits shown not hatched in Fig. 1. The microprocessor is programmed according to the plurality of connections that a server switching unit SSC can simultaneously process.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **449122029900**.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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